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FROM India Office

No. P. & J. 4014/38.

Dated 24th Aug. 1938

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Proposal for Settlement of Jewish refugees in Kenya.

Transmits copy telegram No. 1354 of 23rd August from Government of India regarding safeguarding of Indian interests in view of statement reported by Indian Press to have been made by Lord Winterton at Evian Meeting on scheme for settlement of Jewish refugees in Kenya. It is presumed this is the statement made on 6th July. Requests confirmation that this is so and information concerning His Majesty's Government's intentions in matter which can be sent to Government of India.

(Similar letter to Colonial Office).

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A more specific reference to Kenya was made in Lord Winterton's speech reported on p. 42 of the Evian proceedings (W 10510).

In reply we might call attention to Lord Winterton's second speech, and also to Lord Plymouth's remarks in the House of Lords (columns 1248 + 9 in Hansard extract in W 10196). Lord Winterton's speech in the House of Commons on July 29th adds nothing on this point.

We might further say that

we attach importance to the provision
of emigration possibilities for Jewish
settlers in the Colonial Empire.

Apart from this the question
is mainly for the C.O., who have
also been consulted

Mr. Malins

H. K. Taylor
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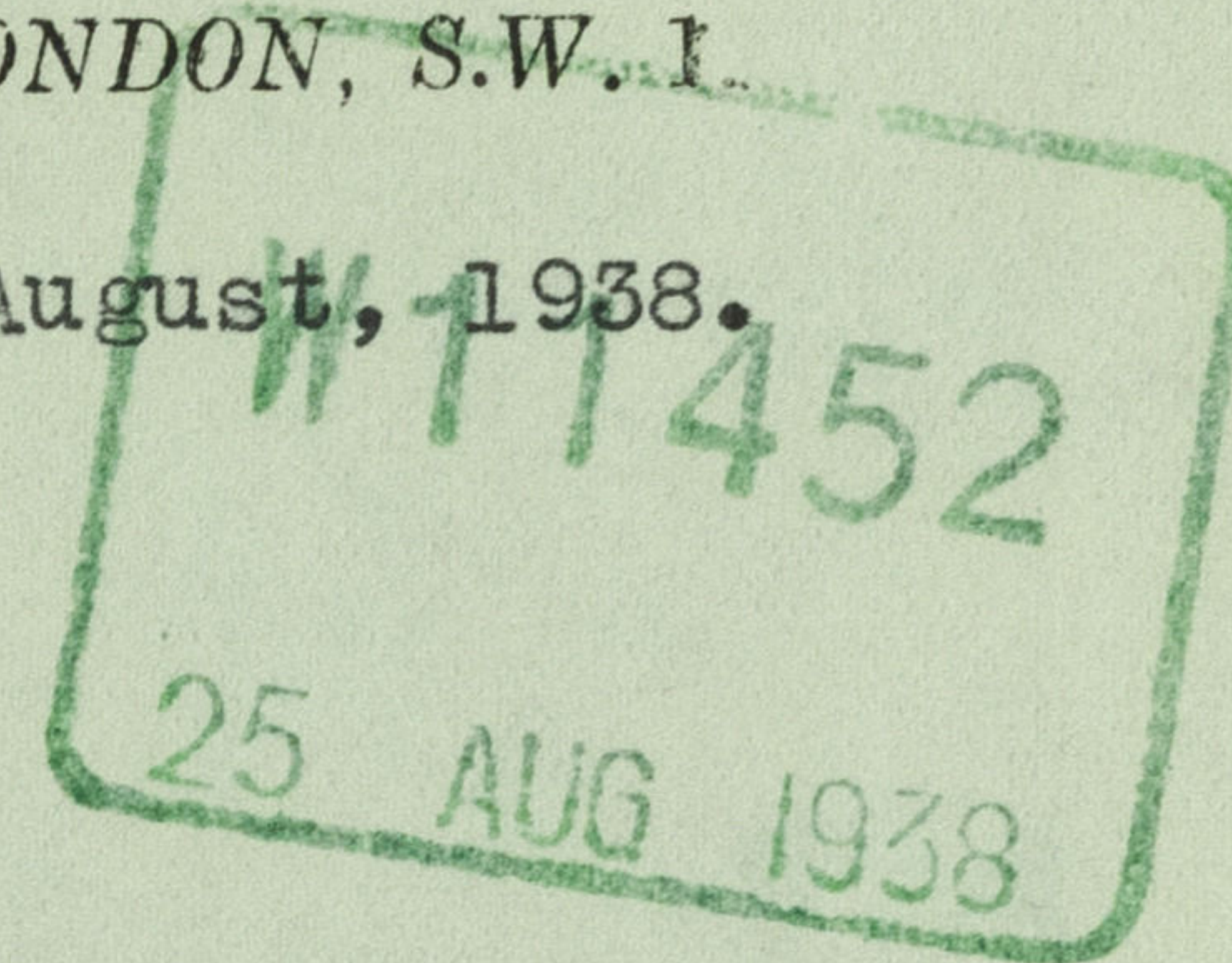
INDIA OFFICE,

WHITEHALL,

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LONDON, S.W. 1.

24 August, 1938.



Any further communication on this subject should
be addressed to—
The Under Secretary of State for India,
Public & Department,
Judicial India Office,
and the following reference quoted:—
P. & J. 4014/38.

Telephone:—
Whitehall 8140. I.O. Ext. No.

Telegrams:—
Retaxandum, London.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to forward for the information of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, copy of a telegram from the Government of India regarding a statement, reported in the Indian Press to have been made by Earl Winterton at the Evian Conference, to the effect that His Majesty's Government were considering a scheme for the settlement of Jewish refugees in Kenya. It is presumed that the statement referred to is that made at the first public meeting on Wednesday, July 6th a report of which appears at the top of page 15 of the "Proceedings of the Intergovernmental Committee at Evian".

Lord Zetland would be glad to learn whether he is correct in thinking that this is the only statement made by Lord Winterton on the point raised by the Government of India, and also to receive at an early date the views of Lord Halifax as to the reply which should be returned to the Government of India's enquiry as to the intentions of His Majesty's Government in this matter, which has no doubt been the subject of further examination since the speech referred to by the Government of India was made.

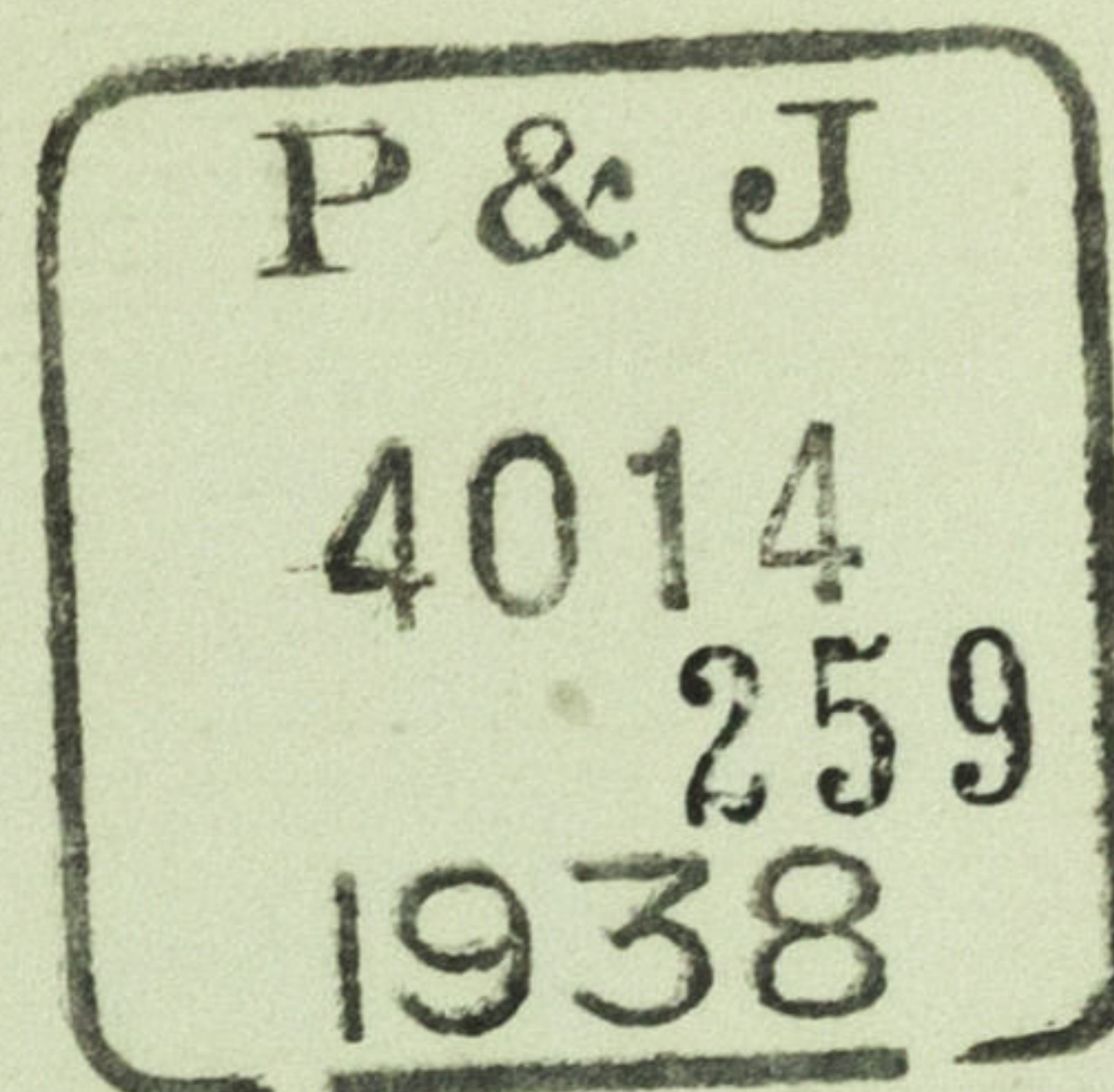
A similar letter is being addressed to the Colonial Office.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Under Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
S.W.1.

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From Government of India, Department of
Education, Health and Lands, to
Secretary of State for India.

Dated Simla, 5.40 p.m., 23rd August 1938.

Received 2.45 p.m., 23rd August 1938.

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Department of Education, Health and Lands.

Press reports to the statement attributed to Earl Winterton at the Refugee Conference at Evian-les-Bains regarding intentions of His Majesty's Government to promote scheme for the settlement of Jewish refugees in Kenya Highlands and the representation on same subject from East African Indian Congress, have given rise to the question in the Legislative Assembly to which ad interim replies will be given. Government of India would be grateful if they could be furnished urgently with copy of statement that Earl Winterton may have made and particulars of intentions of His Majesty's Government in the matter, so as to enable them to deal with the Assembly question fully and also to consider whether any representations on their part are called for to safeguard Indian interests in Kenya.

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27th August 1928

Sir,

In reference to your
letter No. P. & J. 1014/38

d August 26th

concerning Earl

Winter's statements at
the Erian ^{meeting} ~~Conference~~ on the

subject of proposals for
Jewish settlement in Kenya,

I am ab. to inform you

that in addition to the
statement mentioned in

your letter under reference,
herd Winter ~~is~~ alluded
to

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NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN.

to the proposals in his speech
at the last meeting (see
p. 42 of the Verbatim Record).

2. I am also to call
attention to Lord Plymouth's
remarks on the subject in
the course of his speech
in the House of Lords on
July 27th (see columns
1248 & 1249 of Hansard for
that date).

3. Lord Halifax attaches
importance to the provision
of emigration facilities for
Jewish settlers in the Colonial
Empire, where this is practicable,
on political & humanitarian
grounds,

FOREIGN OFFICE, S. W. 1.

27th August, 1938.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. P. and J. 4014/38 of the 24th August concerning Earl Winterton's statements at the Evian Meeting on the subject of proposals for Jewish settlement in Kenya, I am directed by Viscount Halifax to inform you that in addition to the statement mentioned in your letter under reference, Lord Winterton alluded to the proposals in his speech at the final meeting (see page 42 of the Verbatim Record).

2. I am also to call attention to Lord Plymouth's remarks on the subject in the course of his speech in the House of Lords on the 27th July (see columns 1248 and 1249 of Hansard for that date).

3. Lord Halifax attaches importance to the provision of emigration facilities for Jewish settlers in the Colonial Empire, where this is practicable, on political and humanitarian grounds. In this connexion I am to observe that His Majesty's Government have already undertaken to co-operate to the fullest extent possible in the work which was begun at the Evian meeting on the initiative of the United States Government, and is being continued by the Intergovernmental Committee set up in London under the Chairmanship of the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. Lord Halifax considers that His Majesty's Government should endeavour to make a serious practical contribution to the solution of the problem with which the Committee is confronted,

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The Under-Secretary of State,

India Office.

and he regards the scheme for the settlement of a limited number of Jewish families in Kenya as a useful step in this direction. The terms of the reply to the Government of India are however primarily a matter for the Colonial Office, to whom a copy of this letter has been sent.

4. A copy has also been sent to the Home Office, and I am to suggest that a copy of your letter under reference should be forwarded to that department.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) D. F. HOWARD.

SECRET